

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently amended) [[The]] A print head
~~according to claim 1 comprising:~~

a plurality of light emitting element (LEE) array
chips arranged in substantially regular intervals in a
first direction, each of said LEE array chips including a
plurality of LEE's arranged in predetermined intervals in
said first direction; and

a plurality of driver circuits provided one for
each of said LEE's, wherein each of said LEE's is said
adjacent devices are disposed in a stepped fashion with a
deviation from adjacent LEE's in [[said]] a second
direction perpendicular to said first direction such that
its light emitting area overlaps portions of areas of said
adjacent LEE's in said second direction.

3. (Currently amended) The print head according
to claim 2, wherein an extent of said stepped-fashion
deviation is determined such that said stepped-fashion
deviation provides spatial frequency characteristics
exceeding a specific spatial frequency, wherein said
spatial frequency characteristics are determined by
distances in said first direction between one of said light
emitting device LEE's and the others of said light-emitting
devices LEE's and positioning differences in said second
direction between said one of said light-emitting devices
LEE's and said others of said light-emitting devices LEE's.

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4. (Original) The print head according to claim 3, wherein said spatial frequency characteristics have a predetermined frequency band width.

5. (Original) The print head according to claim 4, wherein said spatial frequency characteristics have characteristics of a blue noise.

6. (Original) The print head according to claim 3, wherein said spatial frequency characteristics have characteristics of a line spectrum noise indicating specific spatial frequencies.

7. (Currently amended) [[The]] A print head according to claim 1, which further comprises comprising:

a plurality of light emitting element (LEE) array chips arranged in substantially regular intervals in a first direction, each of said LEE array chips including a predetermined number of LEE's with their light emitting sections linearly arranged in said first direction;

a plurality of memories provided one for each of said LEE's for storing information about a delayed time of corresponding one of said light emitting devices with respect to a reference light-emitting signal timing; and

a plurality of delaying means each delaying said reference light-emitting signal according to said delayed time stored in corresponding one of said memories, wherein each of said drive circuits drives said corresponding one of said light emitting devices according to said reference light-emitting signal delayed by said corresponding one of said delaying means

a plurality of driver circuits provided one for each of said LEE's for driving said LEE's based on a strobe signal with a predetermined time period and said delayed time stored in said memories, wherein said information

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about said delayed time stored in said memories has such a deviation that LEE's with the same reference light emitting timing are driven with such different time periods that portions of driving times overlap each other.

8. (Original) The print head according to claim 7, wherein said delayed time stored [[by]] in each of said memories is determined for every one of ~~light emitting devices~~ LEE's with predetermined distribution characteristics.

9. (Currently amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

a photosensitive member; and
[[a]] the print head including a plurality of light emitting devices for emitting light to said photosensitive member so as to form an electrostatic latent image on said photosensitive member in a main scanning direction, wherein each of said light emitting devices is arranged in a stepped fashion with respect to each other in a sub-scanning direction perpendicular to said main scanning direction according to claim 2.

10. (Currently amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

the print head according to claim [[8]] 7;
a photosensitive member of which a surface is movable in said second direction with respect to said print head; and

an image forming section for forming an image according to [[said]] an electrostatic latent image formed on said surface of said photosensitive member.